

national competition this summer. She attended Ocean City High School and held multiple leadership positions and was heavily involved in community service. She raised over \$25,000 for Make-A-Wish and raised over \$2,000 for Children's Miracle Network hospitals. Isabella was inspired to give back to her community because of her brother, Antonio. Antonio was born with Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome, and qualified to receive a wish from Make-a-Wish. After Isabella witnessed what Make-a-Wish did for her brother, she wanted to become a volunteer and actively fundraise to help other children like Antonio. Isabella says that our voices have the power to change the world, and she is absolutely right. Our young generation will be our future leaders, and I am honored to be able to recognize Isabella for all of her accomplishments. God Bless Isabella and God Bless America.

COMMEMORATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NASA ARMSTRONG FLIGHT RESEARCH CENTER

**HON. KEVIN MCCARTHY**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Armstrong Flight Research Center. Located on Edwards Air Force Base, NASA Armstrong is well-positioned in the western Mojave Desert of California for its innovative research and testing that keeps our Nation on the cutting edge of aeronautical advances.

Formerly known as the Dryden Flight Research Center in honor of Hugh Dryden, a former Director of Aeronautical Research for the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA), the Center was founded in 1946. With faith, ingenuity, and grit, 13 engineers and technicians from NACA's Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory came to Edwards Air Force Base, then known as Muroc Army Air Base, to prepare for the X-1 rocket plane's first supersonic flight in the Mojave Desert. Retired U.S. Air Force Captain Chuck Yeager completed this important supersonic mission, breaking the sound barrier on October 14, 1947 by flying the X-1 over Southern California.

In 2014, the Center was renamed the NASA Armstrong Flight Research Center to honor Neil Armstrong, a former aeronautical research scientist at Dryden and astronaut who became the first person to step foot on the moon. Since its inception, NASA Armstrong has been involved in historical space and aeronautical milestones, including supersonic and hypersonic flight and the development of our space shuttles. NASA Armstrong also developed the Lunar Landing Research Vehicle (LLRV) and served as the testing site for Apollo's famous X-15 rocket plane. The importance of the LLRV was recognized by Neil Armstrong, who said that the technology played a critical role in the success of the Apollo 11 mission.

Today, NASA Armstrong is known as the premier research center for testing high-risk

atmospheric projects in the United States. Its Research Aircraft Integration Facility can check the systems, electronics, and controls of aircraft simultaneously—the only facility controlled by NASA that can achieve such a feat. In addition to its research, NASA Armstrong is a leader in safety. In 2020, NASA Armstrong won the Federal Aviation Safety Award among Premier Federal Aviation Programs.

From the Stratospheric Observatory For Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA) program to partnerships to advance commercial space, NASA Armstrong is helping America learn more about the vast unknown beyond Earth. As a faithful pioneer in aeronautics, NASA Armstrong is focused on advancing technology with projects like the X-59 which would demonstrate that supersonic flight over land is feasible by reducing the noise of the sonic boom. NASA Armstrong also supports progressing space technology with its management of the Flight Opportunities program to partner with industry to improve technologies for space exploration.

On behalf of the 23rd District of California, it is my honor to celebrate NASA Armstrong's historic 75th anniversary. I wish NASA Armstrong and its devoted team of nearly 1,100 civil servants and contractors continued success in maintaining America's edge in space and aeronautic research.

HONORING VIRGINIA OLIVER,  
MAINE'S OLDEST LOBSTER HARVESTER

**HON. CHELLIE PINGREE**

OF MAINE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Ms. PINGREE. Madam Speaker, today I rise to honor Virginia Oliver, who at 101 years old is Maine's, and perhaps the world's, oldest lobster harvester.

Known as Ginny to her friends, and affectionately called "The Lobster Lady" by us at home, Mrs. Oliver has been hauling traps off and on since the age of seven, a decade before World War II and at a time when few women were working on the water. When asked recently how much longer she'll continue lobstering, she shared that she has no plans to stop.

Three long days a week, May through November, Mrs. Oliver and her son Max tend their traps off Rockland, working one of the most hazardous jobs in the country. She pilots the boat named after her, cleans and fills bait bags, and measures and bands lobsters.

In Maine we take great pride in our strong work ethic, and Virginia Oliver, The Lobster Lady, is a bright example of why that pride is well-placed. I am honored to recognize this Mainer's contribution to our heritage lobster industry.

HONORING ANTHONY CARRILLO  
FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

**HON. DARREN SOTO**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, I honor Anthony

Carrillo. Anthony Carrillo serves as the Florida regional director of the Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration. As director, he represents the government of Puerto Rico and over 1.3 million U.S. citizens from the island who now call the Sunshine State home. In this role, he has provided much-needed assistance to the Puerto Rican community in the post-Hurricane Maria era, assisting small businesses with opportunities, helping thousands of citizens who relocated from the island, and helping former inmates to get second chances by providing community services such as housing, healthcare, jobs, and vital documents.

Mr. Carrillo is also the chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Puerto Rican Equality Coalition, a nonprofit organization focused on educating and advancing equality to Puerto Ricans. In 2020, the people of Puerto Rico elected him as a presidential delegate for President Joe Biden at the Democratic National Convention. Prior to his appointment as regional director, he served as Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration's District of Columbia office policy advisor in the government affairs division, where he was the lead advisor of the Puerto Rico Statehood Commission and handled multiple policy portfolios.

Moreover, from 2011 to 2015, Mr. Carrillo was the co-founder and elected chairman of the Young Democrats of America Hispanic Caucus, the largest youth Hispanic democratic organization promoting voter education and outreach in the United States. Mr. Carrillo received his higher education in Puerto Rico, is an Army veteran and current captain in the U.S. Army Reserve Judge Advocate General Corps and serves as the national security law chief of the 79th Theater Sustainment Command. In his spare time, Mr. Carrillo enjoys volunteering for multiple voting, civil rights, and veteran advocacy organizations.

For this and more, we honor Anthony Carrillo.

LIAM MILLAR, EAGLE SCOUT

**HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, September 30, 2021*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize Liam Millar for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Liam graduated from Ocean City High School and has entered the Massachusetts Maritime Academy and is a Marine Engineering major. While Liam was in high school, he participated on his school's crew team and was also in the academic team club. For his Eagle Scout project, he put up a sign and shrubbery at his neighborhood playground, North Street playground. Before Liam stepped in to create this sign, there was no indication that the playground was there for people to enjoy. He worked directly with the mayor's office to put up the sign and shrubbery to add a scenic view of the playground. I am so proud of Liam's accomplishments and I wish him luck as he enters his sophomore year as a 3/C cadet. God Bless Liam and God Bless America.

# INTRODUCTION OF THE BRINGING REGULATORY ADVANCES INTO NEUROSCIENCE (BRAIN) ACT OF 2021

## HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Madam Speaker, today I am pleased to introduce the Bringing Regulatory Advances into Neuroscience (BRAIN) Act of 2021.

Today, brain and central nervous system (CNS) disorders account for an incredible burden both on individual patients and their families as well as the United States health care system. One in five adults in America—more than 50 million people—live with a mental illness while 20 million Americans suffer from a neurological condition. Brain diseases and disorders cost the U.S. more than \$1.5 trillion per year, a significant portion of which is paid for by the Medicare program. Seven of the 21 chronic conditions tracked by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) are related to the brain and this represents an average annual cost of \$23,325 per Medicare beneficiary, higher than the average cost for all other chronic conditions.

The BRAIN Act of 2021 would establish a Neuroscience Center of Excellence (NCOE) under the Food and Drug Administration. Modeled after the FDA's Oncology Center of Excellence, an NCOE would create opportunities for innovation in the development and regulation of treatments for brain diseases and disorders. By focusing on patients, it would ensure that investments in research are more likely to produce safe and effective treatments which would provide relief for those who have been waiting too long.

The blueprint for a center of excellence like this was included in a discussion draft of 21st Century Cures 2.0, circulated by my colleagues Representatives DEGETTE and UPTON. The draft legislation would require the FDA to create at least two new intercenter institutes, including one focusing on high prevalence and burdensome diseases like those affecting the brain and CNS.

It is clear that there is an enormous need to address these conditions and a Neuroscience Center of Excellence would make significant progress for people who have been suffering for far too long.

I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan legislation.

## SAINT LOUIS COUNTY NAACP

## HON. CORI BUSH

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Ms. BUSH. Madam Speaker, the rich roots of advocacy, activism, and community organizing etched in the NAACP's history continue to reverberate through the countless lives you all have touched. I am deeply heartened at the opportunity to celebrate the Saint Louis County Chapter of NAACP on 84 years of service and leadership in our community. St. Louis has unquestionably been made better by the work that they all have committed themselves

to, and I am honored to be their representative.

The fight for justice for Black people has been one fraught with pain and strife, but that very pain produces a strength and resilience in each of us that gives us the courage to fight onward amidst the adversity. That resilience is beautifully evidenced in this chapter's work throughout St. Louis. As our office continues to do the most for all people starting with those that have the least, I am grateful to be in this struggle alongside them. I thank the Saint Louis County Chapter of NAACP for their commitment and extend congratulations on 84 strong years.

## HONORING DR. JESUS "JV" ROA FOR HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

## HON. DARREN SOTO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Mr. SOTO. Madam Speaker, in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, I honor Dr. Jesus "JV" Roa. Dr. Roa is an emergency medicine physician serving Central Florida in the Orlando Regional Medical Center Emergency Department. As the COVID-19 pandemic has evolved, Dr. Roa has been at the forefront of the response. As the director of resident professional development and emergency medicine clerkship director for Orlando Health, Dr. Roa was instrumental in leading the hospital systems' clinical teams in the emergency room. His work involved inspiring team members through challenging days while working long, strenuous hours. Dr. Roa contributed to developing treatment options including the use of emerging therapies for COVID-19 patients. Dr. Roa and his physician colleagues made critical decisions that impacted staff safety and allowed providers to clinically assess and treat patients, as well as deliver outstanding care.

In addition to his work with Orlando Health, Dr. Roa serves as medical director of the Orlando Police Department SWAT team, volunteering his time to train with the team that takes on the most dangerous assignments to resolve critical incidents. Using his military and medical expertise, earned through 20 years of service in the United States Army Reserves combined with three years of active duty as a combat medic prior to medical school, Dr. Roa helps train officers in the use of advanced tactics and specialized equipment, so they are prepared to handle dangerous, high-risk situations.

Dr. Roa trained at the Chicago Medical School at Rosalind Franklin University and completed a residency in emergency medicine at Orlando Regional Medical Center. He is an assistant professor of emergency medicine at the University of Central Florida College of Medicine.

For this and more, we honor Dr. Jesus Roa.

## THOMAS VAN DER MOLEN, EAGLE SCOUT

## HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, last month, I had the pleasure of attending Thom-

as van der Molen's Eagle Court of Honor. For his Eagle Scout Project, Thomas designed and installed a paved walk path to connect the entrance to the gazebo with the community gardens. The red bricks that compose the walk path were all hand laid and will be enjoyed for years to come. This new walk path will greatly impact the accessibility of the community gardens for those who have mobility impairments and our elderly. Thomas was able to complete this project with the help of his troop, sponsorships from Home Depot and Atlantic Masonry, and his family. Thomas' dedication to this project will give more people the ability to access the gardens and he should be proud of his accomplishments. God Bless Thomas and God Bless America.

## IN RECOGNITION OF OFFICE OF PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL KATHLEEN M. MCGETTIGAN ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

## HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor Kathleen M. McGettigan on the occasion of her retirement after 30 years of federal service at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

Ms. McGettigan has dutifully performed in every role she has held at OPM, including as Chief Financial Officer, three separate Deputy Associate Director roles, and multiple appointments as Acting Director of the Agency. Ms. McGettigan holds the distinct honor of being OPM's longest serving Acting Director.

Ms. McGettigan consistently elevated OPM's work and mission throughout her career. She held herself to the highest standards and inspired those around her to do the same. Kathleen M. McGettigan's long and distinguished career exemplifies the very best of public service: dedication to country and commitment to serving the American people.

I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. McGettigan for her three decades of exemplary service.

## RECOGNIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MAJOR GENERAL JANSON D. BOYLES AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES

## HON. MICHAEL GUEST

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 30, 2021

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, I would like to recognize the appointment of Major General Janson D. Boyles as the Chairman of the National Guard Association of the United States. Major General Boyles has enjoyed a distinguished career with the National Guard since he was commissioned in the Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Mississippi State University in 1982.

General Boyles has displayed exceptional levels of leadership and competence in his service to our state and nation. In 2005, General Boyles managed the United States Army